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C O N F I D E N T I A L ALGIERS 2027

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SUBJ: MAKARIOS VISIT TO ALGIERS

1. ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS VISITED ALGIERS SEPTEMBER 18-20. AT ARRIVAL CEREMONY, WHICH I DID NOT ATTEND, HE WAS WELCOMED BY PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE BUT RECEPTION DID NOT INCLUDE USUAL PALYING OF NATIONAL ANTHEMS AND WAS CONSIDERED DEFINITELY SECOND CLASS. IN STATEMENT TO PRESS, MAKARIOS SAID HE HAD COME TO DISCUSS CYPRIOT PROBLEM WITH BOUMEDIENE AS PRESIDENT OF NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. MAKARIOS ALSO SAID HE HOPED UN WOULD TAKE DECISIONS PERMITTING DEFINITIVE SOLUTION TO PROBLEM AND DECLARED HIMSELF FAVORABLE TO SOVIET PROPOSAL TO EXPAND EXAMINATION OF CYPRUS PROBLEM TO INCLUDE UNSC MEMBERS. MAKARIOS SAID MOST IMPORTANT THING FOR HIM WAS THAT NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT ADOPT UNIFIED STAND TOWARD CYPRUS.

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2. MAKARIOS AND BOUMEDIENE MET PRIVATELY SEPTEMBER 18

AND AGAIN SEPTEMBER 19. IN ADDITION, BOUMEDIENE GAVE DINNER IN MAKARIOS' HONOR. NO DETAILS OF THESE MEETINGS WERE PUBLISHED.

3. MAKARIOS LEFT ALGIERS LATE MORNING SEPTEMBER 20 FOR CAIRO THEN BELGRADE. IN AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE, HE SAID EXCHANGE OF VIEWS HAD BEEN CONDUCTED IN A CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE AND HAD BEEN VERY CONSTRUCTIVE. HE WAS HAPPY TO SAY HIS VIEWS AND BOUMEDIENE'S PRACTICALLY IDENTICAL AND LATTER SUPPORTED INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS AND ALSO EVACUATION OF FOREIGN TROOPS.

4. ACCORDING ALGERIAN PRESS SERVICE TICKER, MAKARIOS ALSO SAID HE HAD CONSTITUTIONAL SOLUTION BASED ON ADMINISTRATIVE PARTITION OF COMMUNITIES. HE DID NOT THINK FEDERAL SOLUTION DESIRABLE AND THOUGHT TRANSFER OF POPULATIONS WHICH THIS WOULD REQUIRE WOULD BE NEITHER POSSIBLE NOR ACCEPTABLE.

5. ON QUESTION HIS RETURN TO ISLAND AND QUESTION PERSONAL SAFETY, MAKARIOS SAID MORE THAN NINETY PERCENT OF GREEK CYPRIOTS SUPPORTED HIM BUT THAT HE WOULD NOT RETURN UNTIL GREEK OFFICERS WHO LED COPU AGAINST HIM HAD BEEN REPLACED.

6. COMMENT. DESPITE ALL OUTWARD APPEARANCES OF CORDIALITY, IT IS QUESTIONABLE WHETHER MAKARIOS SUCCEEDED IN PERSUADING ALGERIANS FULLY TO HIS POINT OF VIEW. MAIN ALGERIAN CONCERN IN HANDLING ISSUE AT UN WILL BE TO AVOID DIVISIONS IN NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND TO PRODUCE RESOLUTION(S) WHICH WILL ENCOURAGE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF CRISIS.
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